

Patents

Providing comprehensive protection of inventions is one of the key areas of practice for our law firm. We offer professional assistance in obtaining exclusive rights for inventions (patents), first by conducting thorough patent searches, then obtaining a patent, and eventually maintaining it once it is in force. Moreover, we act to effectively prevent infringements by third parties. Here are some of the actions we undertake:

Prior to filing a patent application:

- we conduct a thorough patent search (examination of patentability in a literature search, prior art etc.)
- we prepare legal opinions and analysis on patentability

In order to obtain a patent for an invention:

- we prepare and file patent applications in different territories: nationally through the Polish Patent Office, on a European scale through the European Patent Office, and internationally through the Patent Cooperation Treaty
- we undertake a process to validate European patents in Poland
- we obtain supplementary protection certificates (SPCs)

In order to ensure that an exclusive right remains in force:

- we supervise the payment schedule of official fees
- we file payments for granted exclusive rights and their renewals

In the case of infringement of a patent:

- we prepare cautionary letters
- we conduct mediation and negotiations in order to reach an amicable settlement
- we conduct litigation before the Polish Patent Office (UPRP) and administrative courts
- we conduct civil and criminal proceedings

In order to sell/buy/licence/assign etc. exclusive rights:

- we perform an audit of the legal status of IP assets
- we prepare legal opinions and relevant analysis
- we draft contracts to help clients manage, implement, and commercialize their patents, among others